

ARIZONA VETERANS' SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION
4141 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85012
Thursday – June 12, 2008
M I N U T E S

Call to Order - Chairman Dingwall opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present

Advisory Commissioners
Tom Dingwall, Chairman
Linda Fulkerson
Gary Fredericks

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services
Richard G. Maxon, Director
Dave Hampton, Public Information Officer
Stella Cook, Exec. Assistant to the

Director

Phillip Quochytewa
Webb Ellis
Larry McKim
Tom Heaney

Absent

Kenneth Yamanouchi, Vice Chairman
Bill Lunsford

Guests

Joan Sisco, Veterans First Ltd.

Gregg Maxon, ADVS Director presented plaques to Chairman Dingwall and Past Chairman Ellis for their service to the Commission with his thanks for their service to the State of Arizona. The Commissioners were also given their pictures that were displayed during their terms.

Minutes of the previous meeting – The minutes of May 8, 2008 were approved as written by a motion from Commissioner Heaney, seconded and carried.

Verification of Documents – Staff from ADVS Human Resources verified required identification submitted for reimbursement of travel.

Correspondence – No action required

Agency Announcements and Updates

ADVS Director Richard G. Maxon

- Gen. Maxon advised that his retirement as Agency Director would be effective June 30, 2008. Efforts are underway to find a replacement.
- A breakdown of funding sources for the Arizona State Veteran was presented with explanation of costs.
- **Presentation – Joan Sisco, Veterans First, Ltd.** Veterans First, Ltd. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to identifying and assisting with the changing needs of America's military, and military veterans and their families.

Unfinished Business

- Commissioner Fredricks presented the final draft of the strategic plan.

- Commissioner Fulkerson reported that she had sent a draft letter regarding SB 1169, Military Family Relief Fund, to the Chairman. Chairman Dingwall asked that she re-send the draft to him for finalization.
- Commissioner Fredricks stated that the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame is becoming less dependent on ADVS administrative support. However, Commissioner Fredricks reiterated the action taken at the July 2005 Commission meeting that provided for the Commission to recommend ADVS support for the Hall of Fame to the ADVS Director.
- Commissioner McKim advised that he is receiving information to put in the Action-item database from regular meetings of the Commission. The action by the Commission to create the database was approved to address items arising from the Regional Meetings; other information is not to be included.

New Business

Commissioner Fredricks stated that the calendar date for the Region I meeting would not be possible due to lack of a location to hold the meeting. Commissioner Fredricks made a motion to move the Region I meeting to August 16th, seconded and carried. The meeting will be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1433 in Glendale.

Comments

Commissioners Dingwall and Ellis expressed their pleasure in serving on the Commission and wished the remaining Commissioners success in their future endeavors.

A motion was made by Larry McKim to adjourn at 12:20 p.m., seconded and carried.

Donna Adams for

Stella Cook, Recorder